

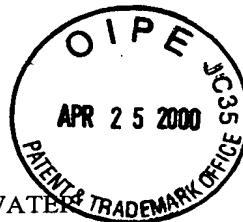
Docket No. 2839-0065-3PCT

IN RE APPLICATION OF: YUSUKE SHIOTA ET AL.

SERIAL NO: 09/147,428

FILED: DECEMBER 22, 1998

FOR: APPARATUS FOR TREATING WASTE WATER



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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-10, 12-15 and 17-20 as follows:

Dukt B! 1. (Amended) An apparatus for preventing abrasion of a solid catalyst and/or a solid adsorbent while treating waste water, comprising:

a packet bed of the solid catalyst and/or the solid adsorbent; and

A1 a pressure layer having [an ability of following up] a load which can suppress a deformation or a movement of a surface of the packed bed of the solid catalyst and/or the solid adsorbent[.];

wherein the pressure layer is provided on the packed bed of the solid catalyst and/or the solid adsorbent.